GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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COMPLAINTS AGAINST OFFICIALS
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a number of complaints against the officials of his Ministry and Coal India Limited from various representatives of people and Federation of Coal Consumers, Dealers and Traders of India during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the nature of complaints made by them;

(c) whether any enquiry has been ordered on the basis of these complaints; and

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b) No complaint has been received against any official of this Ministry. However complaints have been received from MPs, MLAsand other organisations including Federation of Coal Consumers, Dealers and Traders of India against the officials of Coal India Limited during the past three years. The complaints relate to allegations of corruption, stay in sensitive posts for long periods, irregularities in allotment of coal, irregularities in tenders, procurement of materials, transport contracts, employment, etc.

(c) & (d) If, prima facie, it appears that the complaint is verifiable, the Chief Vigilance Officer of the concerned coal company is requested to investigate the complaint. If any official is found guilty of misconduct as a result of such investigation, a departmental inquiry is initiated against him. Disciplinary action commensurate with the guilt is taken against the official against whom the charges are established in the departmental inquiry.